

T-1224, Descriptions of Census Enumeration Districts, 1830-1890  
and 1910-1950. 146 rolls [RG 29]

## INTRODUCTION

This microfilm reproduces on 156 rolls of 35mm microfilm 513 original volumes of descriptions of geographic subdivisions (enumeration districts) that were used in the decennial United States censuses from 1830 to 1950. These records are part of Record Group 29, Records of the Bureau of Census.

The census subdivision or enumeration district served as the basic geographic area of a size that could be covered by a single census taker (enumerator) within one census period. It may have been as large as one county or as small as part of a city block, depending on the density of population. The term "subdivision," referring to a part of the supervisor's or marshal's division or district, was used in the early censuses. With the 1880 census the term was changed to "enumeration district" and the census taker was officially called an "enumerator."

For the censuses of 1830 and 1840 the two volumes included in this microfilm are entitled Accounts of Compensation to Assistant Marshals. They contain brief statements identifying the geographic jurisdictions covered by each census taker, as well as his name and rate of pay. Later volumes from 1850 to 1900 show both "names of persons employed as enumerators" as well as "descriptions of their subdivisions." Beginning in 1910 the names of the enumerators were no longer included in the volumes, which by then were called Descriptions of Enumeration Districts.

The records are further described in entries 2, 3, 13, 27, 42 and 189 of National Archives Preliminary Inventory No 161, Records of the Bureau of Census.

A table of contents for each census year has been provided. The original volumes are arranged by assigned volume number, beginning anew with each census year. Within individual volumes the pages are typically arranged numerically by supervisor's or marshal's district and thereunder numerically by subdivision or enumeration district. This arrangement often conforms to an alphabetical arrangement by county. Major cities are sometimes arranged separately from the counties. As an aid to the user the 1850 and 1860 volumes, which have little order in the original, have been filmed out of the original page sequence so that the states and territories appear on film in alphabetical order.

The amount of detail shown in the volumes varies greatly from year to year, from a brief statement of the town or jurisdiction covered by the census taker to the streets and landmarks that form the boundaries. In the earlier years the distinction

between two subdivisions is not always clear, as in the examples "Part of Bristol County" and "Remainder of Bristol County." Typically included are the number of the subdivision (enumeration district), the county, township, city, ward, borough or other civil division that comprises it or a description of its boundaries, the number of square miles it contains and the name of the assistant marshal, census taker or enumerator with his post office address and rate of pay (1830 to 1900 only). The number of returns from each subdivision (population, dwellings or farms from the ongoing or previous census) is sometimes included. The 1870 volume includes an "industrial description" that indicates whether the economy of the subdivision is primarily commercial, residential, industrial or mining.

The 1900, 1940 and 1950 volumes were microfilmed prior to the preparation of this final microfilm. The 1900 volumes were the first to be filmed by the National Archives and were originally assigned roll numbers 1-10, which now have been renumbered to follow the chronological sequence of the remaining film (see table of contents). The 1940 and 1950 volumes were also given obsolete roll numbers when they were filmed while still in the Bureau of the Census before they were deposited in the National Archives and they also have been assigned new roll numbers.

After 1880 it is often helpful to use the descriptions in conjunction with the enumeration district maps that exist in the National Archives. The maps cover only a few counties for the 1880 and 1890 censuses, but cover nearly all of the counties and cities for the later censuses of 1900 to 1960. The maps were marked by hand in the census offices at the time of each census to show the boundaries that each enumerator was to follow. These maps are reproducible on request, although their size often precludes their being microfilmed on 35mm film and their colored boundaries are difficult to interpret when reproduced as black and white copies.

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# SUMMARY OF MICROFILM ROLLS FOR ALL CENSUS YEARS

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1                      1830 (Listed in the order in which they appear in the volume): Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan Territory, Arkansas Territory, Florida Territory, District of Columbia.

1                      1840 (Listed in the order in which they appear in the volume): Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Vermont, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Tennessee, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Michigan Territory, Florida Territory, Wisconsin, Territory, Iowa Territory, District of Columbia.

2                      1850 (Filmed out of original order. Although 1850 census schedules exist for **Oregon Territory**, no subdivision descriptions are included in this volume.)

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3	1870 (Listed in original page sequence. Note there is a separate category for <b>"Indians - All States"</b> that appears before Indiana. Although 1870 census schedules exist for <b>Montana Territory</b> , no subdivision descriptions are included in this volume.):	
	Alabama	Mississippi
	Arkansas	Missouri
	Arizona Territory	Nebraska
	California	Nevada
	Colorado Territory	New Hampshire
	Connecticut	New Jersey
	Dakota Territory	New Mexico Territory
	Delaware	New York
	District of Columbia	North Carolina
	Florida	Ohio
	Georgia	Oregon
	Idaho Territory	Pennsylvania
	Illinois	Rhode Island
	Indians - All States	South Carolina
	Indiana	Tennessee
	Iowa	Texas
	Kansas	Utah Territory
	Kentucky	Vermont
	Louisiana	Virginia
	Maine	Washington Territory
	Maryland	West Virginia
	Massachusetts	Wisconsin
	Michigan	Wyoming Territory
	Minnesota	
4	1880 (Missing Alabama, Arizona Territory, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Montana Territory, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania & Wisconsin):	

	Dakota Territory (part)
	Delaware (part)
<u>Roll</u>	<u>Contents</u>
4	1880 (continued) District of Columbia Florida Georgia Idaho Territory Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky
5	Louisiana Maine Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota Mississippi Missouri
6	Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico Territory New York North Carolina Rhode Island South Carolina Tennessee Texas Utah Territory Vermont Virginia Washington Territory West Virginia Wyoming Territory
7	1890 Alabama Arizona Territory Arkansas California Colorado Connecticut Delaware

8	District of Columbia Florida Georgia
<u>Roll</u>	<u>Contents</u>
8	1890 (continued) Idaho Illinois
9	Indiana Iowa Kansas
10	Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland
11	Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota
12	Mississippi Missouri Montana Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico Territory
13	New York
14	North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Oregon
15	Pennsylvania
16	Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee Texas
17	Utah Territory Vermont



Virgina  
Washington  
West Virginia  
Wisconsin  
Wyoming

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18	1900 Alabama Alaska Arizona Arkansas California Colorado Connecticut
19	Delaware District of Columbia Florida Georgia Hawaii Idaho Illinois
20	Indian Territory Indiana Iowa Kansas
21	Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland Massachusetts
22	Michigan Minnesota Mississippi Missouri Montana
23	Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico New York Supervisor's Districts 1-3
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	North Carolina
	North Dakota
	Ohio
25	Oklahoma
	Oregon
	Pennsylvania
<u>Roll</u>	<u>Contents</u>
26	1900 (continued)
	Rhode Island
	South Carolina
	South Dakota
	Tennessee
	Texas
	Utah
	Vermont
27	Virginia
	Washington
	West Virginia
	Wisconsin
	Wyoming
28	1910
	Alabama
	Arizona
	Arkansas
	California
	Colorado
	Connecticut
	Delaware
	District of Columbia
	Florida
29	Georgia
	Idaho
	Illinois (Cook County)
	Illinois (except Cook county)
30	Indiana
	Iowa
	Kansas
31	Kentucky
	Louisiana
	Maine
	Maryland

32	Massachusetts Michigan
33	Minnesota Mississippi Missouri
34	Montana Nebraska Nevada
<u>Roll</u>	<u>Contents</u>
	1910 (continued)
34	New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico North Carolina North Dakota
35	New York Supervisor's District 1 (Manhattan & Bronx) New York Supervisor's District 2 (Brooklyn, Queens, Richmond, towns in Nassau & Suffolk counties) New York Supervisor's Districts 2-20
36	Ohio Oklahoma Oregon
37	Pennsylvania
38	Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee
39	Texas Utah Vermont Virginia
40	Washington West Virginia Wisconsin Wyoming Alaska Hawaii Puerto Rico

41	1920	Alabama Arizona Arkansas
42		California Colorado
43		Connecticut Delaware District of Columbia Florida
<u>Roll</u>	<u>Contents</u>	
	1920 (continued)	
43		Georgia Idaho
44		Illinois
45		Indiana Iowa
46		Kansas Kentucky Louisiana
47		Maine Maryland Massachusetts
48		Michigan Minnesota
49		Mississippi Missouri
50		Montana Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire New Mexico
51		New Jersey New York Supervisor's Districts 1 & 2 (Manhattan & Bronx) New York Supervisor's District 3 (part) (Kings County)
52		New York Supervisor's District 3 (part) and 4-6

(Queens & Richmond)  
New York Supervisor's Districts 7-22

53 North Carolina  
North Dakota

54 Ohio

55 Oklahoma  
Oregon

56 Pennsylvania

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57 1920 (continued)  
Rhode Island  
South Dakota  
Tennessee

58 Texas  
Utah

59 Virginia  
Washington

60 West Virginia  
Wisconsin  
Wyoming  
Alaska  
Hawaii  
Panama  
Canal Zone  
Puerto Rico  
Virgin Islands

61 1930  
Alabama  
Arizona  
Arkansas

62 California (Alameda Co to Los Angeles [part])

63 California (Los Angeles [part] to Yuba Co)

64 Colorado  
Connecticut  
Delaware

	District of Columbia
65	Florida Georgia
66	Idaho Illinois (Adams Co to Cook Co outside Chicago) Illinois (Chicago)
67	Illinois (Crawford Co to Woodfoed Co)
68	Indiana Iowa
69	Kansas Kentucky
<u>Roll</u>	<u>Contents</u>
	1930 (continued)
70	Louisiana Maine Maryland
71	Massachusetts
72	Michigan
73	Minnesota Mississippi
74	Missouri
75	Montana Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire
76	New Jersey New Mexico
77	New York (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan & Richmond)
78	New York (Queens) New York (Albany Co to Jefferson Co)
79	New York (Lewis Co to Yates Co)
80	North Carolina North Dakota

81	Ohio (Adams Co to Lorain Co)
82	Ohio (Lucas Co to Wyandot Co)
83	Oklahoma Oregon
84	Pennsylvania (Adams Co to Perry Co)
85	Pennsylvania (Philadelphia Co to York Co) Rhode Island
86	South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee
87	Texas
<u>Roll</u>	<u>Contents</u>
	1930 (continued)
88	Utah Virginia
89	Washington West Virginia
90	Wisconsin Wyoming Alaska American Samoa Hawaii Panama Canal Zone Guam Puerto Rico Virgin Islands
	1940
91	Alabama Arizona Arkansas
92	California (Long Beach City to San Francisco; Alameda Co to Inyo Co)
93	California (Kern Co to Yuba Co) Colorado
94	Connecticut

	Delaware
	District of Columbia
	Florida
95	Georgia
	Idaho
96	Illinois (Chicago; Adams Co to Macoupin Co)
97	Illinois (Madison Co to Woodford Co)
	Indiana
98	Iowa
	Kansas
99	Kentucky
	Louisiana
	Maine

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	1940 (continued)
100	Maryland
	Massachusetts Boston City to Worcester City;
	Barnstable Co to Franklin Co)
101	Massachusetts (Hampden Co to Worcester Co)
	Michigan (Detroit City, Flint City, Grand Rapids
	City; Alcona Co to Allegan Co)
102	Michigan (Alpena co to Wexford Co)
	Minnesota (Duluth, St Paul, Minneapolis; Aitkin Co
	to Crow Wing Co)
103	Minnesota (Dakota Co to Yellow Medicine Co)
	Mississippi
	Missouri (Kansas City, St Louis; Adair - Clark Co)
104	Missouri (Clay Co to Wright Co)
	Montana
	Nebraska
	Nevada
	New Hampshire
105	New Jersey
	New Mexico



106	New York (Albany, Buffalo, Bronx, Brooklyn)
107	New York (Richmond, Manhattan, Queens)
108	New York ( Rochester, Syracuse, Utica; Albany Co to Yates Co)
109	North Carolina North Dakota
110	Ohio
111	Oklahoma Oregon
112	Pennsylvania (Erie, Philadelphia, Reading, Pittsburg, Scranton)
113	Pennsylvania (Adams Co to York Co)
114	Rhode Island South Carolina South Dakota Tennessee

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	1940 (continued)
115	Texas
116	Utah Virginia
117	Washington West Virginia
118	Wisconsin Wyoming Alaska American Samoa Hawaii Panama Canal Zone Guam Puerto Rico Virgin Islands
	1950
119	Alabama
120	Arizona

	Arkansas
121	California (Alameda Co to Santa Cruz Co, including San Francisco City)
122	California (Shasto Co to Yuba Co; Alameda City to Pasadena Co)
123	California (Richmond City to Stockton City, except San Francisco) Connecticut
124	Delaware District of Columbia Florida (Alachua Co to Washington Co; Jacksonville City to Miami City)
125	Florida (St Petersburg, Orlando, Tampa) Georgia Idaho
126	Illinois (Adams Co to Woodford Co)
127	Illinois (Chicago)
128	Illinois (Cicero City to Springfield City) Indiana
<u>Roll</u>	<u>Contents</u>
	1950 (continued)
129	Iowa Kansas
130	Kentucky Louisiana
131	Maine Maryland
132	Massachusetts (Barnstable Co to Worcester Co; Boston City to Malden City)
133	Massachusetts (Medford City to Worcester City) Michigan (Alcona Co to Wexford Co; Dearborn City)
134	Michigan (Detroit City to Saginaw City) Minnesota (Aitkin Co to Roseau Co)
135	Minnesota (St Louis Co to Yellow Medicine Co) Mississippi

136	Missouri
137	Montana Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire New Jersey (Atlantic Co to Mercer Co)
138	New Jersey (Middlesex Co to Warren Co) New Mexico New York (Albany Co to Cattaraugus Co)
139	New York (Cayuga Co to Yates Co)
140	New York (Bronx and Brooklyn)
141	New York (Mahatten and Queens)
142	New York (Richmond Borough; Albany City to Yonkers City) North Carolina (Alamance Co to Halifax Co)
143	North Carolina (Harnett Co to Yancey Co; Ashville City to Winston-Salem City) North Dakota Ohio (Adams Co to Henry Co)

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	1950 (continued)
144	Ohio (Highland Co to Wyandot Co; Akron City to Cincinnati City)
145	Ohio (Cleveland City to Youngstown City) Oklahoma (Adair Co to Pawnee Co)
146	Oklahoma (Payne Co to Woodward Co; Oklahoma city to Tulsa City)
147	Pennsylvania (Cambria Co to Perry Co; Philadelphia City)
148	Pennsylvania (Pike Co to York Co; Allentown City to York City)
149	Rhode Island South Carolina

	South Dakota
150	Tennessee Texas (Anderson Co to Comal Co)
151	Texas (Comanche Co to Zavala Co; Amarillo City to Corpus Christi City)
152	Texas (Dallas City to Waco City) Utah
153	Vermont Virginia
154	Washington West Virginia
155	Wisconsin Wyoming
156	Alaska American Samoa Hawaii Panama Canal Zone Guam Puerto Rico Virgin Islands